

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

VOLTAGE, LLC,
NINGBO VOLTAGE SMART PRODUCTION CO.
Petitioners

v.

SHOALS TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, LLC
Patent Owner

Inter Partes Review No.: IPR2026-00068
U.S. Patent No. 12,015,376

PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR REFUND OF POST-INSTITUTION FEE

Petitioners Voltage, LLC, and Ningbo Voltage Smart Production Co. (collectively, “Petitioners”) hereby file their request for refund of the \$28,125 post institution fee that was previously paid.

On October 16, 2025, Petitioners filed a petition for *inter partes* review of U.S. Patent No. 12,015,376 and paid the USPTO a total of \$51,875 at the time of filing this petition, which included a \$28,125 payment for the post-institution fee required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.15(a)(1)-(4). The filed *inter partes* review petition was granted a filing date on October 22, 2025. (Paper 3). The Board subsequently issued a discretionary denial of institution of *inter partes* review on February 10, 2026. (Paper 8). The Board terminated the proceeding before institution of the *inter partes* review. The Petitioners are entitled to request a refund of the post-institution fee that was previously paid and is entitled to this refund. *See, e.g.*, 78 Fed. Reg. 4233 (Jan. 18, 2013); PTAB E2E Frequently Asked Questions E7.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Petitioners file their request for a refund of the post-institution fee that was previously paid and hereby request a refund of the \$28,125 post-institution fee previously paid by Petitioners.

The refund may be deposited in Deposit Account No. 05-1323 under reference “Docket No. 125063.0000001.”

Therefore, Petitioners respectfully request a refund of the post-institution fee for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 12,015,376, IPR2026-00068.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), I certify that the foregoing Request for Refund of Post-Institution Fee will be served today via email on the following counsel of record for the Patent Owner.

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